

July 12, 2004

**Important!**  
**Please share with your**  
**Title I Directors, Parent**  
**Coordinators and Parents**

TO: Chief School Administrators  
Charter School Lead Persons  
Title I School Districts

FROM: Isaac Bryant, Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Student Services

SUBJECT: Delaware Valley Parent Empowerment Fair

The New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Title I Program Planning and Accountability, is partnering with the Pennsylvania Parent Information Resource Center (PIRC) and WDAS 105.3 FM radio to sponsor the Delaware Valley Parent Empowerment Fair at Penn's Landing in Philadelphia on Saturday, August 14, 2004, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware will be collaborating on this day to provide parents across the Delaware Valley region with vital information concerning the federal parent involvement requirements under the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB).

We invite you to attend this event and request that you circulate information about the fair to school parent coordinators and parents within your district and schools. The fair has been structured to allow parents to learn firsthand about a wide range of educational options available to them from a variety of organizations. The fair will include the following:

- Over 100 information booths of parental involvement organizations (parent-teacher groups, school choice groups, private school groups, after school programs, supplemental educational services providers, literacy and tutoring services).
- Panel discussions on supplemental educational services providers, effective parental involvement models, strategies and practices, opportunities for parental involvement, and state support for districts, schools and parents.
- Informal opportunities to discuss and disseminate information related to parental involvement.

Michele Doughty, Title I state coordinator, is assisting in the coordination of this fair and will facilitate a panel discussion on how states can assist districts, schools and parents with information related to NCLB parental involvement requirements.

We look forward to your attendance at this important event. Directions are attached for your convenience along with an event flyer. Information and directions are also posted on the NJDOE web site at [www.nj.gov/njded/title1/info/](http://www.nj.gov/njded/title1/info/).

Please contact Michele Doughty at (609) 777-4668 if you would like further information or to host a booth at this event.

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